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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Shepanek
O/SA/DO/O

FROM : Mr. Rodger S. Gabrielson
OLC/C&R

SUBJECT : Sanitization of HSCA Researcher Notes

1. (S) Attached for your review, appropriate sanitization, and classification is a copy of the notes taken by HSCA researcher Dan Hardway on his interview of Robert F. Krandle.

2. (U) Please use black grease pencil to excise and directly above the excised information please write in a sanitized description of the information excised, for example: employee, asset, etc.

3. (U) Please send us a copy of the notes after your sanitization and we will forward to the Committee. All original notes will be kept in this office under the name of the particular researcher involved.

Rodger S. Gabrielson
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INVESTIGATION INTERVIEW SCHEDULE

Identifying Information:

Name Robert F. Krandle

Date 3/27/78

Address _____

Place Langley

City/State _____

Telephone _____

Date of Birth _____

M or S _____

Social Security _____

Spouse _____

Children _____

Physical Description:

Height _____

Color Eyes _____ Hair _____

Weight _____

Special Characteristics _____

Ethnic Group _____

Personal History:

a. Present Employment: _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

b. Criminal Record

1. Arrests _____

2. Convictions _____

Additional Personal Information:

a. Relative(s): Name _____

Address _____

b. Area frequented: _____

c. Remarks: _____

Investigator Hardway

Date 3/27/78

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Interview of Robert B. Krandle,
3/27/78 by Dan Hardway

Mr Krandle said that he understood the release letter and had no questions about it.

Mr. Krandle said that he had been assigned to Mexico City from mid 1963 to mid 1965. He could not remember the precise dates but thinks that he was in Mexico prior to September 1963. (A. Goodpasture says he arrived in September 1963; see summary of CI Soft File.)

Mr Krandle was assigned to Mexico specifically to work on the Cuban Operations. or, as he called it, "task force". There were 3 people on this task force and this was unusual in that normally there was only one person in a station working on a particular target. The reason for the extra people was

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that ~~they wanted~~^{THERE WAS} heavy coverage on Cuban targets on a priority basis.

Mr. Krandle was the junior officer on the Cuban Task Force. His primary duty involved what he called "third country operations." This mainly consisted of recruiting, training and debriefing people from 3rd countries travelling to Cuba. Krandle also handled three exile agents: one who helped him in propaganda placement; one who had access to Cubana Airlines personnel; and one who had access to Cuban Embassy personnel.

Mr. Krandle said that he was aware of the Cuban Embassy surveillance operation but knows no details. He said that he thought Anne Goodpasture ran the photo operation and said that he does not know

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who ran the telephone operation. At this point Mr Krandle commented that the Mexican Station was a remarkably compartmentalized Station and that Min Scott was fanatic about it.

Mr Krandle said that he had never heard of Lee Harvey Oswald before the assassination.

Mr Krandle stated that he does remember seeing transcripts from the Cuban Embassy telephone operation. They would be routed to him from Phillips via Shaw. He does not know who Phillips got them from.

Mr Krandle said that he was Deputy Mexican Branch Chief in 1972. He said that after Scott retired a Headquarters team "blended and melted down" Scott's files. The material retained was put on microfiche.

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Mr. Krandle said that Win Scott was a "very unusual character... he exuded power. When you were in his presence you knew who was boss" Krandle said that Scott used the "brute force approach" in his filing system, everything was collected. The system was bulky but, Krandle said, "foolproof." Krandle said that Scott would brag about the quick retrieval that his system allowed him. Krandle said that legend has it that Scott did not deign to communicate with his division chief but went straight to the top level of agency officials.

Mr. Krandle said that he had been very impressed with Barbara Manell. He said she was bright, sharp, competent, and had a reputation in the Station for thoroughness.

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Robert Shaw was the chief of Cuban Operations when Krandle arrived in Mexico. ~~After~~ About one month after his arrival Dave Phillips took over as chief of Cuban Operations. Krandle said that Phillips had nothing to do with the surveillance operations.

Krandle said that he believed that the support people ran the Cuban surveillance operation. He said that Robert Feldman was the support chief.

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